

Rombough, Kyrik

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Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 10:01 AM
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Another Hyperion comment. - Kim

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From: John Grayson [mailto:johngrayson@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 9:49 AM
To: DENR INTERNET INFORMATION
Subject: Public Comment :: Hyperion Air Permit

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

Please accept this message as my comment during the DENR's extended period for public input regarding the Hyperion project air permit. First, let me say thank you for extending the comment period so that I, and others, could appropriately research and contemplate this important matter.

As a property owning resident of Vermillion I am expressing my adamant opposition to the DENR's granting of any permits allowing construction of the refinery. The particulate matter, the carcinogenic toxins and the noxious fumes emanating from the proposed facility will offer no benefits to the people, the livestock, the wildlife, the crops and all other living creatures in the region.

One need only to visit places such as Newark, New Jersey, Cleveland, Ohio and, in the shadow of Chicago, Gary, Indiana to get a sense of what lay in store for our area should this refinery take root here. I know. I grew up in New Jersey, lived for over a decade in Chicago and recently left Cleveland after nine years. The air in these regions is putrid. The odor alone is disgusting. Add the constant haze of smog, the dust and the acid rains for a toxic and revolting environment.

South Dakota's pristine air, as a significant quality of life element, is part of what drew my wife and I move to the state last year. While all of the quantitative data you can possibly collect and analyze will reveal one analysis, I urge you to equally measure and consider the more complex qualitative aspects of the analysis process. Such careful evaluation will surely verify my contention that, no matter what Hyperion claims, the only green refinery is no refinery.

Thank you.
= John Grayson =
Vermillion, SD

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